

## Interrogation tactics

### **Abstract**

The submitted diploma thesis deals with the interrogation as a criminalistic procedure. The statement is obtained from interrogated persons by means of interrogation. The statement is a source of important knowledge of a crime. A crime can be successfully elucidated on the basis of knowledge.

The aim of the diploma thesis is to sort knowledge of the interrogation, the interrogation tactics and the tactical interrogation procedures from the point of view of criminal law, criminalistics and psychology.

The thesis is divided into five separate chapters. The first chapter is conceived from the point of view of criminal law. First chapter deals with the regulation of interrogation in the Czech Criminal Procedure Code and with the rights and obligations of the interrogated persons. The second and third chapters are the focus of this diploma thesis. Chapters deal with the preparation of the interrogation, the phases of the interrogation, the inquiries asked during the interrogation and the tactical interrogation procedures. My intention is to demonstrate how to perform tactical procedures correctly and legally. Equally important chapter is the chapter fourth, which deals with the interrogation from the point of view of psychology, especially the credibility of the interrogated person and his/her testimony, as well as the verbal and non-verbal communication during the interrogation. The fourth chapter does not neglect suggestion during the interrogation interaction. Suggestion is closely related to inquiries, which is asked in the dialogue phase (described in the third chapter). The fifth chapter deals with the violation of the rights of interrogated persons during interrogation, especially the right not to be forced to give testimony and the right not to be tortured. In the fifth chapter I deal with foreign case law in particular with the case law of the European Court of Human Rights.

I used methods of critical and comparative analysis during the processing of the diploma thesis. I analyze especially the professional literature in the field of criminal law, criminalistics and forensic psychology. I drew other expert knowledge from professional articles, contributions in anthology, legislation and Czech and foreign case law.

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